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Party Time

Waltham Forest got Royal Wedding fever with hundreds turning out to celebrate the marriage of Prince William and Catherine Middleton on Friday 29 April.

Schools, care homes and organisations across Waltham Forest laid on special events to mark the day and there were dozens of street parties organised by residents eager to enjoy a good knees up.

Here is just a small selection of photos from the day. Keep an eye on the Council's Flickr account, where we will be uploading more photos from the day.

More info

See more photos at www.flickr.com/walthamforestcouncil. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

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In my opinion

Jo Whitlam
Resident, Chingford



We originally saw the Royal Wedding as an opportunity for a street party, not because we have ardent royalists in our road (Beech Hall Crescent, Chingford), but just because we've had a history of holding street parties.

The idea grew on us and eventually we decided the marriage of William and Catherine would be a good excuse to bring people together and have some fun.

We've already got a fantastic close knit community in our road with a lot of families that have lived here for a long time - several people have either been born here or lived here most of their lives, but equally it's nice to meet people from the several new households that have moved in recently.

The day itself was fantastic and went on until 10pm. Some people watched the wedding while others prepared for the party, then everyone who could came

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out after the wedding and got down to the business of having a fantastic time. We had 50-a side ‘Tug ‘O’ War’, a bouncy castle, party games, a quiz, presentation of the Best Dressed House award and afternoon tea. On the morning of the party, we found out we had a professional DJ living in the road who kindly offered his services for the day. It's amazing what you find out about people when you ask for help with some bunting!

From the moment we started the process of organising our event, everyone pulled together. The whole street came out from the very young to our oldest residents and everyone mucked in and helped organise the bunting, food and entertainment. If it wasn't for them, it wouldn't have been a success. By their own admission, they were all keen to do something but just needed to have someone coordinate it.

The happy result is that all the residents, even the newest ones, want to do it all again in the summer for The Big Lunch as it gave everyone the opportunity to get to know their community better. You don't need to be a big fan of the royal family to enjoy the spectacle and have a nice time. It was a day for the community to enjoy and look back on with fondness in later years.

Want to have your say?

If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 300 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email the Editor at: walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk and tell us what you'd like to write about.

Council heroes

- Dedicated Council workers receive ‘Love your borough’ awards
- Awards show appreciation for staff who go above and beyond the call of duty

Hard working Council employees have been recognised for their efforts by receiving staff awards at Waltham Forest’s ‘Love your borough’ award ceremony.

The awards were given to members of staff who have worked tirelessly to make things better for residents and were presented by Council Leader Cllr Chris Robbins at last month’s ceremony.

Individual award

Winner
Nicola Mealey

Office Manager from the Referral and Assessment team within Children and Young People Services, Nicola Mealey, received the Individual award for repeatedly providing a superb service

and helping new members of staff to fit in. She was described by a manager as “one the most committed workers I have met.”

Nicola told Waltham Forest News:

“I feel really honoured to have won, and thoroughly appreciated.”



Nicola Mealey collects her award



The Resilience and Equalities team pick up their award

Team award

Winner
The Resilience and Equalities team

The Resilience and Equalities team within Children and Young Peoples Services was honoured for its work to provide intensive support to families most in need of help.

Team Leader, Sade Alade said:

“We have provided support

to almost 300 families, which we hope will lead to better outcomes for the children living in those families.

“To gain the staff award has shown everyone that it's not just me that thinks that they are brilliant and that the work that they do is worthwhile. The team has worked tirelessly, some of their work has been life changing. I am extremely proud of each and every single person in this team.”

Leaders award

Winner
Paul Tickner

Contract Monitoring Officer Paul Tickner won the Leaders award for his work in preventing an attempted illegal rave from taking place at the former EMD cinema in Walthamstow.

Thanks to his quick actions he managed, along with his team,

to block access to the site and prevent up to 1000 people from attending the rave. The Referral and Assessment team are the first point of contact for residents and professionals who are concerned about a child's welfare.

Council leader Cllr Chris Robbins said:

“Paul is a credit to the borough, his quick-thinking,



Paul Tickner receives the Leaders award

fast response and ability to work effectively with Kier Street Services, Riney and the Police kept a potentially destructive rave from happening, and ensured the borough remained safe for our residents.”

Paul told Waltham Forest News:

“I am pleased and honoured to have received this award.”

Waltham Forest News

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Waltham Forest News wants to hear from people in the local community. If you have a story that you'd like us to cover, email walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk or call 020 8496 3000.

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Golden girl makes a splash

- Olympic champion Rebecca Adlington OBE visits Larkwood Leisure Centre for a training swim
- “Down-to-earth” star takes time to sign autographs and speak to swimmers

Olympic swimming champion Rebecca Adlington OBE stopped off at Larkwood Leisure Centre for a secret training session last month, much to the

delight of keen local swimmers.

The star, who won gold medals in the Olympic 400m and 800m freestyle at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, visited the borough after a

media appearance at the nearby Lea Valley Park.

Rebecca told Waltham Forest News she was looking forward to the London 2012 Games and enjoying seeing our borough but there was

still a lot of preparation for her before she games start.

Rebecca often visits pools around London to train after public appearances and photo calls. Her sessions are usually kept secret though, so she can concentrate on her training and make sure she says in peak physical condition.

She swam a ‘recovery’ session of eight kilometres in two hours. Or, to put it another way: 320 lengths at a steady pace of 19 seconds per length and 18 strokes per length. The average pool swimmer would take at least double the time to swim the same distance – if they had the stamina to do it.

On a normal training day Rebecca would do two sessions of two hours in the pool every day, along with other gym work and running.

Jeremiah O’Mahoney, a coach for Gators Swim Club – based at Larkwood Leisure Centre, told Waltham Forest News: “I was at the pool on the day Rebecca visited and had the privilege of watching her train for two hours. It was a rare treat to be able to get close to someone who is one of the leading athletes in the world.”

“I was also able to briefly speak to her and wished her well for the future. I was very impressed by her down-to-earth manner.”

When Rebecca had finished her session she took the time to speak to members of the Gators Swim Club, who had come to the pool for their own training session. She also signed some autographs for budding young swimmers.



Olympic Champion Rebecca Adlington OBE gets ready for her swim at Larkwood Leisure Centre



The north London boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest have published the proposed submission version of the North London Waste Plan.

The North London Waste Plan identifies a range of suitable sites for the management of all North London’s waste up to 2027 and sets out policies and guidelines for determining planning applications for waste developments.

We now want to hear your views before we submit the documents to a Planning Inspector for an independent examination. The period for making representations or comments runs for a period of 6 weeks from 11th May to 22nd June 2011.

Copies of the North London Waste Plan together with supporting technical documents can be downloaded from the project website www.nlwp.net. Paper copies are available to view during the 6 week consultation period at Waltham Forest Town Hall, Sycamore House, Forest Road, London E17 4JF and in libraries in the borough.

Your comments need to be in writing using the representation form and associated guidance note which is available on our website and at the above addresses. Submit your representation(s) by 22nd June 2011

- on the response form on the website www.nlwp.net or
- by e-mail to feedback@nlwp.net or
- by post to Archie Onslow, North London Waste Plan, Camden Town Hall, Argyle Street, London WC1H 8EQ

For more information visit www.nlwp.net or contact Archie Onslow on 020 7974 5916

We want to hear your views



Leader’s view

Cllr Chris Robbins

Leader - Waltham Forest Council

I was delighted to see that hundreds of people across the borough gathered together to celebrate the marriage of Prince William and Catherine Middleton on Friday 29 April.

It was excellent to see so many people coming together to mark such a happy occasion in their own way, and lots of you chose the time honoured tradition of sharing food, drink and laughter with your neighbours. It was especially pleasing to see people of all ages, faiths and cultures coming together and celebrating. I’m sure it proved a great opportunity to get to know more people living in your area.

The last few weeks have provided several opportunities for celebration. The second annual ‘Love your borough’ awards gave the Council the chance to thanks residents and Council staff who do their bit to make Waltham Forest a borough we can truly be proud of.

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Although funding cuts and budgetary pressures mean we are facing difficult times ahead there is still much to look forward to and the Council continues to work to provide vital services to our residents. I firmly believe we should celebrate uplifting occasions that come our way. While some might want to give the impression that things are all doom and gloom in the borough, it’s heartening to see the community coming together.

Over the summer there will be many more special events and festivals to enjoy including the Young People’s Caribbean Carnival, Waltham Forest Mela and the Chingford Dance Festival. And there are many excellent community-organised events such as the E17 Art Trail, Leytonstone Festival and the Chingford Village Fayre.

I’m especially proud that our schools will be open for summer after extra investment from the Council’s budget this year. Look out for more details about the Schools Open for Summer programme in future editions of Waltham Forest News.

And of course the biggest reason of all to celebrate; the London 2012 Games are now less than 450 days away.

Sign up for the Leader’s e-newsletter

Keep up-to-date with the latest news in Waltham Forest by signing up to the Leader’s e-newsletter. Each month there will be news on what Cllr Chris Robbins is doing and what is happening in Waltham Forest.

Email leader@walthamforest.gov.uk



In brief

School Gets Set

Thorpe Hall Primary School is celebrating after being confirmed as a member of the 2012 Get Set Network. The school will now have access to exclusive competitions and 2012 Games related opportunities. JJ Jegede, the British long jump champion, visited the school to present them with their Get Set certificate. Headteacher Paulette Houghton said: "The children were very excited by JJ's visit and he inspired them with his story of determination to improve and succeed." Waltham Forest Council is encouraging all schools in the borough to join the Get Set programme. One in eight children in schools who are part of the programme are likely to get free tickets for the Games. So make sure your child's school is signed up. And if they aren't, encourage them to take part.

• For more information on how Waltham Forest is getting the most from the 2012 games visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/2012. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

A tricky opera

Local thespians the Chapel End Savoy Players will be performing Gilbert and Sullivan's 'The Sorcerer' from 18-21 May at the Deaton Theatre (Forest School, Oakhurst Gardens Snaresbrook E17 3PY). 'The Sorcerer' is a two-act comic opera written during the famed Gilbert and Sullivan duo's early days together, and focuses on a young man's idea of leveling class distinctions with a love potion that causes everyone in the village to fall in love with the first person they see. Tickets vary in price and are available on the door or in advance from the box office on 020 8527 0215, 020 8529 3143, or via boxoffice@cesp.org.uk

• For more information about the Chapel End Savoy Players visit www.cesp.org.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Speakers seized

Noise officers from Waltham Forest Council have seized 41 speakers and two amplifiers after a raid on a property in Leyton. The gear, believed to have been used at a string of illegal raves across the borough, was seized after the Council received complaints about excessive noise coming from the Arches off Leyton High Road. Noise officers had previously issued a noise abatement notice to limit noise from the premises which had been ignored, so magistrates granted a warrant allowing the equipment to be removed. Police and Council officers visited the site to seize the equipment last month.

• For more information on how the Council can help with noise nuisance visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/noise or phone 020 8496 3000.

Free lunchtime concert

St John's Church, Leytonstone is hosting a free lunchtime concert on Thursday 12 May. The concert, with pianists Viva Genova and Eileen Broster, begins at 1pm. The programme will include music by Mozart, Rimsky-Korsakov and Schumann. A retiring collection to cover costs will be taken, with all proceeds going towards St John's Heritage Fund. The church is located on the corner of Church Lane and Leytonstone High Road. Access is easy thanks to the new church ramp and there is free parking for disabled drivers at the foot of the ramp.

• For more information on St John's go to www.stjohns-leytonstone.org.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.



Recycling advisers are telling residents about the improvements to the recycling service.

Recycling education

- Recycling advisers visit homes across Waltham Forest to explain improvements to recycling service
- Changes will help residents recycle more and reduce the Council's landfill charges

Residents across Waltham Forest have been receiving a visit from recycling advisers to help them understand the changes being made to the borough's recycling service. So far 20,000 households have been visited, that's almost 600 a day.

A team of ten recycling advisers are travelling around the borough from 3pm-8pm on weekdays and 10am to 2pm on Saturdays to tell people what they can recycle and explain how the new service will work.

Because the Council expects the amount people will be recycling to increase, it will be distributing a green recycling wheelie bin to every street property during the autumn. If you do not have space for a wheelie bin at your home the Council

will look at other possible options. In the meantime, residents are encouraged to continue to use their existing container, and put any extra recycling into plastic carrier bags next to it.

The recycling advisers are

also informing residents about the option to exchange their refuse (black) wheelie bin for a smaller one and encouraging residents to share a refuse or organic waste wheelie bin with their neighbour.

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Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Clyde Loakes, told Waltham Forest News: "So far 20,000 households have been visited. Most of these residents have told us that they are keen recyclers and are fully supportive of the changes we are making to our recycling service."

"We have been pleasantly surprised by the number of residents who have said they would like a smaller refuse (black) wheelie bin. This means they are now recycling a lot more of their waste which is fantastic."

Fact file

- You can now recycle food and drink cartons, tetra pak, yogurt pots, margarine tubs, plastic bags and magazine wrappings - as well as all the previous items.
- To help cope with the extra recycling these changes will produce, the Council will distribute green recycling wheelie bins during the autumn and winter.
- While you wait for your wheelie bin you should continue to use your existing recycling container and put any extra recycling in clear plastic bags next to it.



More info

To find out more about recycling phone 020 8496 3000 or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling.

Waltham Forest Literature Festival

- Two weeks of talks, walks, recitals and readings as part of annual literature celebration
- From gritty true crime to writing for kids, there's something intriguing for everyone



Bookworms across the borough are gearing up for Waltham Forest's fourth annual literature festival, and as ever there's a jam-packed schedule of literary events spanning everything from crime fiction and poetry to theatre and movie adaptations.

The Waltham Forest Literature Festival runs from Thursday 12 May to Saturday

21 May, and there are many more events besides these to get involved with, so why not check out what's going on in your neighbourhoods?

More info

To find out more visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/libraries, phone 020 8496 3000 or pop into your local library.

Talk by Linda Stratmann

Thursday 12 May, 7-8pm.

Walthamstow Library.

Talk by crime expert and author Linda Stratmann. Entry costs £3.

Leytonstone Playreaders

Monday 16 May, 7-9.30pm.

Leytonstone Library.

Leytonstone Playreaders perform 'Broken Glass' by Arthur Miller.

Talk by Carolyn Clark

Thursday 19 May, 7-8pm.

Hale End Library.

Author Carolyn Clark talks about her book 'Shoreditch Tales'.

'Big gardens in small places'

Sunday 14 May, 3-4pm.

Vestry House Museum.

Gardener's World star Martin Cox gives a talk.

Creative writing for children workshop

Monday 16 May, 7-8pm.

Walthamstow Library.

Brandon Robshaw gives advice on writing books for children.

In brief

Business event

Businesses great and small from across north east London are being invited to the North East London Business Expo on Tuesday 17 May. Offering opportunities to make new connections and the chance to explain to future clients what your business can do for them, visitor entry is free with prior booking (or £10 on the door) and exhibition stands are available for £100. There will be a packed programme of workshops running throughout the day, plus several structured networking sessions. The event runs from 10am-6pm and takes place at Leyton Orient Football Ground, Brisbane Road, Leyton E10 5NF.

• For more information email info@nelexpo.co.uk or visit www.northeastlondonbusinessexpo.co.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Media training

Camden-based production company TTV is offering a free one-day introduction to careers in media for 16-25 year olds. Groups of up to 15 students will be provided with a professional 'behind the scenes' look at how films are made – from planning through to final edit. Managing director Torquil Boyd said: "The media business is competitive and far less glamorous than many young people believe. We hope that by running these 'tasters' we can give students a practical insight into the business and an edge in the interview stakes." The first course is due to run on 16 June and applicants have until 2 June to apply.

• For more information, or to apply online, visit www.ttvpictures.co.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

DISPERSAL ORDER

Grove Green & Leyton

The Dispersal Order will provide additional police powers to disperse groups of two or more people causing anti-social behaviour.

Once asked to disperse it will be a criminal offence for that person to return to the dispersal area for a 24-hour period.

If a young person under the age of sixteen is stopped in the area after 9pm and is not accompanied by an adult, the police can escort them to their home address.

For enforcement of the Dispersal Order, please contact:

Grove Green Ward
Sgt. Kate Collin
020 8721 2640

Leyton Ward
Sgt. Sarah Brewer
020 8345 2301

For further information on this Dispersal Order, or to report anti-social behaviour please contact:

Anti-social behaviour team
020 8496 3000 or visit
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/asb

The Dispersal Order will commence from 12 noon on Friday 14 May and will end at 11.59 am on Monday 13 November 2011.



What's On

Sports and fitness

Beginners Tai Chi class

Tuesdays, 6-7.30pm.

Woodford County High School for Girls, High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 9LA.

The gentle yet thorough stretching and turning in our tai chi can help rebalance the body, calm the mind and improve health and wellbeing. £5 trial session, thereafter £20 (£10 concession) per month for any number of classes.

For more information phone 0208 527 7234 or 0208 521 9005.



Total Body Toning

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-8pm.

North Chingford Methodist Church, Station Rd. An uplifting full body resistance workout to tone, strengthen and burn calories. Includes a warm-up, use of weights, Bodybars, Gliding discs, rubber tubing, followed by a floorwork and stretching section. Taught to motivating music.

Please phone Lucilla on 07956 695077, email lucilla@onestopfitness.co.uk or visit www.onestopfitness.co.uk

Heathcote Table Tennis Club

Every Sunday, 4-7.30pm and Monday and Tuesday, 8-11pm.

St Edmunds Church Hall, Junction of Larkwood Road and Chingford Mount Rd, E4 8JL.

We are a friendly club open all year round looking to invite along anyone aged 10 or over interested in playing table tennis from beginner to league players. Bat and ball provided along with informal coaching if needed. **Enquiries/Information phone Fred on 077198 75880 or visit www.heathcotettc.co.uk**

Lea Valley Friends Group walk

Saturday 21 May, 10.30am.

Meet 10.30am at Ninefields on Waltham Abbey / Upshire border. Meet and park in Ninefields. From the "Wakes Arms" now

"Old Orleans" roundabout continue on towards Epping (B1393) take the first left towards Upshire / Waltham Abbey, continue on this road through the village of Upshire, passing the church on your left. Continue downhill, you will pass a school on your right. Ninefields is the first turning on your left after passing the school. No public toilets.

For more information visit www.leavalleyfriends.org.uk.

Active Parks Month

Saturday 1 - Tuesday 31 May.

Improve your health and well-being for free throughout May. Waltham Forest Council's Green Spaces Team is coordinating a variety of activities, including tai chi, health walks, bowling, running and seated aerobics.

Join us to get active, meet new people and enjoy your local park. No previous experience necessary - everyone welcome. Some activities require booking.

To find out more visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parks, phone Liza Sumpter on 020 8496 3000 or email liza.sumpter@walthamforest.gov.uk

Equinox Judo Club

Fridays, Under 8s, 6-7pm

8-15 years, 7-8pm.

The Scout Hut, 66 Larkshall Road, Chingford, E4. £5.00 per session (concessions for families with more than one child attending) and pay as you go, no joining fee.

For more information phone head Coach Roger Woods on 07891 100952 or email tina@tinawoods.orangehome.co.uk.

Tang Soo Do - Korean martial arts

Wednesdays, 6.30 - 8pm

Saturdays, 10am - 12 noon.

Wednesdays - St Andrews Church Hall, 153 Colworth Road, E11 1JD. Saturdays - Leyton Parish Church Hall, Lindley Road, E10 6QT. Traditional Korean Martial Arts for all ages. £4 per class. **Email mr.mislam@gbtsda.com or phone 07989 338879.**

Silverthorn Bowling Club

Saturdays, 10.30am-12.30pm.

Calling all young people aged 11-16 years. Learn the art of Lawn Green Bowls. Free Coaching Sessions will take place on Saturday Mornings in May and through the Summer. Parents welcome. Qualified Coaches will be running the scheme.

Apply at our Open Day on 1 May from 10am -1pm, or by telephoning for appointment 0208 5316619 or 0208 5272919. Early application advised as spaces will be limited.

West Essex Ramblers

Days and times vary.

We are a friendly group with four walks a week on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Walks take place both in London and Countryside and vary in length. We also offer coach rambles and holidays. Sorry, no dogs.

For a free sample programme phone 020 8502 1628 or visit www.westessexramblers.org.uk



Titan Freestyle martial arts

Wednesdays, 7-8pm.

Peter May Leisure Centre, 135 Wadham Road, E17 4HR. Titan Freestyle Martial Arts is a fusion of kickboxing, karate and self-defence. A fun way to burn fat, improve stamina and tone muscles. Students will be taught how to strike and kick safely, using a variety of equipment such as focus pads, kick shields and kick bag. For ages seven and over. Sessions costs £4 for seven-15 years old and £5 for 16 and over. First session free.

Phone Jason on 07764 791982 or Tonya on 07753 744893. Visit www.titanfreestyle.com or email us at info@titanfreestyle.com

Tell us what's on

walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk

Clubs and community

Haven House Hospice Heroes sponsored walk

Saturday 14 May, 11am-3pm.

Haven House Children's Hospice, The White House, High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 9LB. Come dressed as your favourite superhero or walk in memory of a personal hero. An exciting, interactive woodland walk with lots of games, activities and entertainment for all the family. Bring a picnic or enjoy the refreshments available on the day. Entry: £7.50 for adults and

£5 for children under 16 with under 5's free. Family of 5 ticket: £25 (2 adults and 3 children).

Contact Hayley for more details on 020 8506 3637 or hayleybridge@havenhouse.org.uk

Car boot sale

Every Sunday, 9am-4pm.

Leyton Football Club, 282 Lea Bridge Road, E17 7LD. Do you have bric a brac, old tools, housewares, books, CDs or clothes to sell? Then come along. Vendors - walk in £9, cars £12, van £15. To hire a table £3. Free admission for buyers. Doors open at 7.30am for vendors and 9am for buyers. There is also a gym available to use £3 all day. **To book a pitch in advance phone 07508 692419.**

Arthritis Care East London Asian Branch

First Saturday of each month, 2pm-4pm.

SMA Medical Centre, 693-695 High Road, Leyton, E10 6RA. We provide excellent information for people with Arthritis on the first Saturday of each month, except during Ramadan.

For further information, please contact Dr. Ali, Chairman, on 020 8539 2078.



May fair

Sunday 15 May, 11am-2pm.

Comely Bank Community Clinic, 46 Ravenswood Road, E17 9LY. Games and craft activities for children, bouncy castle, cake stall, BBQ, face painting, balloon modelling, fire engine, tombola and raffle. Entrance costs 50p for adults and is free for children.

For more information email manager@walthamstowtoylibrary.org or visit www.walthamstowtoylibrary.org.

Miniature steam and electric train rides

Every Sunday from 3 April until 25 September, 2- 5.30pm. Ridgeway Park, Peel Close, off Old Church Road, Chingford E4 6XU. Miniature steam train rides at Ridgeway Park every Summer Sunday and Bank holiday Monday afternoon. During the school summer holidays, train rides are

also available on Wednesday afternoons. Great for Children and grown ups alike. Train rides are available at 50p or £1 per person, depending on the train track in use.

For more information visit www.chingford-model-engineering.com or email chairman@chingford-model-engineering.com

Spring quiz night and buffet

Thursday 26 May, 7-10.30pm.

Star of India Restaurant, 875 High Road, Leytonstone E11 1HR. The first in a series of seasonal quiz nights from Transition Leytonstone. Bring your friends, enjoy a superb Indian buffet and join in the fun. Test your wits on all the usual subjects, with a few green and seasonal questions thrown in. Excellent raffle prizes too. Entry costs £12 and includes the buffet. Booking is essential.

Email Diana at vision@flipsidevision.com or phone 07747 014 235 for more information.

Story Walk

Saturday 14 May, 11am-12noon.

Ridgeway Park, Chingford, E4. Join Waltham Forest Council's Green Spaces Team on this family activity to enjoy some of your favourite nature stories told on a walk around the park. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please book in advance. **To find out more visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parks, phone Liza Sumpter on 020 8496 3000 or email liza.sumpter@walthamforest.gov.uk**

Waltham Forest Blind Association

Every Tuesday, 1pm-4pm.

Frederic Street Community Centre, Frederic Street, Walthamstow, E17 8AD. Drop-in centre includes social outings, one-to-one advice, mobility training, recreational activities and home visits. **For more information phone 020 8556 0355.**

Tell us what's on

Call 020 8496 3000

Culture and crafts

Book signing - 'Tales of a London Poacher'

Saturday 28 May, 2-4pm.

The Bargain Book Shop, Station Road, Chingford. Local author Cleve Edmonston will be signing copies of his first book:

'Tales of a London Poacher'. The book gives a history of poaching the Walthamstow reservoirs and Walthamstow marshes back in the early 1960's.

For more information phone Beverly Tankard at the Bargain Book Shop on 0208 524 9002.

Open Mic night

Friday 13 May, 8-11pm.

The Hornbeam Cafe, 458 Hoe Street, E17 9AH. Every second Friday of the month is Open Mic night. Calling all performers to get up to the mic for music, storytelling, poetry and more. Food available along with organic wines, beers and soft drinks. Free entry for performers, £1.50 for audience. **For more information phone 020 8558 6880, visit www.hornbeam.org.uk or email info@hornbeam.org.uk.**

Heathcote Arms Jazz Jam

Wednesdays, 8-11pm.

The Heathcote Arms, 344 Grove Green Road, E11 4EA. Come to play, sing, or listen. House band and jazz jam session. Entry £3. Players, singers and listeners welcome.

For more information visit http://lbbjam.wordpress.com/

E17 Jazz

Wednesday 18 May, 8.30-11.00pm

Walthamstow Cricket Club, 48a Greenway Avenue, E17 3QN. Nick Tomalin's Silent Majority. With Nia Lynn - vocals, Gareth Lochrane - flutes, Nick Tomalin - piano, Dominic Howles - bass, Matt Fishwick - drums. Entry £5. **For more information visit www.myspace.com/e17jazz.**

Showstoppers Gang Show 2011

Wednesday 18- Saturday 21 May.

The Kenneth More Theatre, Ilford. Scouts and Guides from Waltham Forest take to the stage for their fifth bi-annual 'Gang Show'. Evening performance at 7.30pm and Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets cost £9 for adults, £7 for senior citizens and children and £5 for uniformed scouts and guides groups.

Phone the box office on 020 8553 4466 or visit www.showstoppers.org.uk.

Book-ish

Saturday 21 May, 12-4pm.

Leytonstone Library, 6-8 Church Lane, E11 1HG. Presenting Booki-ish - a fair of artists' prints, books, cards and stationery on a literary theme. Book-ish is a new and unique event that will bring together and help

promote the fast expanding literary, design and illustration communities Waltham Forest (and beyond). Part of the Waltham Forest Literature Festival.

For more information phone Carolyn Abbott on 07904 546294 or email carolyn@carolynabbott.co.uk



Waltham Forest Mencap Concert

Saturday 28 May, 7.15pm.
St Mary's Church, Church End, Walthamstow, London, E17 9RJ.
Classical music featuring Danielle Mac (violin), Churchfields Singers (children/youth choir), Mike Schirm (tenor), Jonathan Wiseman (classical guitar) and the Leitner-Whiting Trio (piano trio). Tickets cost £10 and £5.

For more information phone 020 8503 2665.

Tina T's Soul and Funk Jam

First Thursday of every month, 8pm.
The King William IV, 816 High Rd Leyton, E10 6AE.
Blistering live soul and funk played by Tina T and her houseband of guest pro musicians. Performers, music industry professionals, and music lovers are all welcome. Please come and network and enjoy. Be prepared to be amazed by Tina's powerhouse vocals.

For more information visit www.tinat.vpweb.co.uk or www.youtube.com/thesouldiva69

Wire and bead jewellery making classes

Starting mid May, times vary.
Farnan Avenue, E17.
Do something creative this spring; make plated wire and bead jewellery for yourself, as presents or to sell. Small, affordable, friendly classes for beginners and intermediates. Booking required. Course of four two-hour sessions costs £30.

For more details phone Birgit 020 8531 4002 or visit www.walthamstowjewellerygroup.webs.com

Tell us what's on

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Children and young people

Baby massage group

Monday 9 May.
Buxton Road United Reformed Church, Chingford.
Teaching mothers how to massage their babies. Babies from six weeks old to crawling welcome.
Five week course costs £72.
For more information visit www.yoga4birth.co.uk, email info@yoga4birth.co.uk or phone 07976 903003.

Spanish for Toddlers

Every Saturday, 11.30am.
The Limes children's centre, Somers Road, E17 6RX.
Learning Spanish in a fun and relaxed environment. Suitable for 4 to 6 year olds. Taught by a fully qualified Bolivian Spanish tutor.
New course starts Saturday 7 May.
£50 per term for ten week course.
Priority bookings on 07850 136067 or laurance.wedderburn@tinyworld.co.uk

Eton Manor AC Young Athletes

Mondays and Thursdays, 6.15pm.
Waltham Forest Pool and Track, Chingford Road, E17 5AA.
Free athletics coaching for all track and field events by UKA qualified, CRB checked coaches. For all children and young people aged 10 and over.
Contact us for further details.
Email etonmanor@aol.com, phone 07747 641748, visit www.etonmanor.com or just come along and ask for Pam, Steve, Claudette, Karen or Ruele.

Hopeful Monsters Children's Theatre

Fridays during term time, 4pm.
URC Church Halls, 26 Buxton Road, Chingford, E4 7DP.
Hopeful Monsters is opening a new Theatre School for young people aged four to 16 in Chingford. Hopeful Monsters is a not-for-profit organisation providing drama training for young people. £7-9 per week (age-dependant)
For more information phone Robbi Stevens on 020 8257 6477 or 07960 063 245 or email robbi@yptc.co.uk

Children and Young People's Directory

Compiled by the Council's Family Information Service (FIS), the directory gives free, impartial advice on childcare, general information on a wide range of services for children, young people and families and lists leisure and recreation activities of all kinds.
For more information visit <http://csd.walthamforest.gov.uk>

Toddlers stay 'n' play

Every Friday, 11am-1pm.
The Hornbeam Cafe, 458 Hoe Street, E17 9AH.
Every Friday - Toddlers stay 'n' play session, afterwards stay and have lunch in a child friendly space.
No charge for play session - lunch from £2.80 to £4.90 - toddlers menu £1.20 to £2.50.
For more information phone 020 8558 6880, visit www.hornbeam.org.uk or email info@hornbeam.org.uk



Cheeky Monkeys parent and toddler group

Every Thursday 10am-12 noon, during term time.
St John's Church Hall, High Street, Leytonstone.
Friendly, informal parent-run group for under 5s and their careers. New faces always very welcome. Healthy snacks, craft session, singing and a good range of toys. £1.50 per family.
Email cheekymonkeys.leytonstone@gmail.com or phone Cat on 07960 955532 for more information.

Olympy tots

Saturdays, 9.30-10.10am for 2 ½ to 3 ½ years and 10.15-10.55am for 3 ½ to 5 years old.
Greenleaf Centre, 67-69 Greenleaf Road, E17.
Fun multi-sports sessions for under 5s. Learn how to develop your child's ABCs (agility, balance and coordination) and their fundamental physical skills of catching, throwing, running and jumping. Our experienced coaches are CRB checked and qualified PE teachers. Amazing introductory offer of £2 a session or £15 for 10 sessions. All children must be supervised and

parents are encouraged to actively support their child. Please book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited.

Phone Assunta on 078724 64043 for more information and to book.

Kidz Klub Chingford

Every Sunday during term time, 4-5pm.
Sewardstone Church, 145 Sewardstone Road, E4 7PA.
Free club for children aged five-11. We sing songs, play games, win sweets and prizes and learn about God. Run by police checked volunteers from churches across Chingford.
For more information phone Nick Gibbs 07973 462 741, look at our website www.kidzklubchingford.co.uk, or search "Kidz Klub Chingford" on Facebook.

Toddler group

Tuesdays, 9.15 - 11.15am.
Christ Church, 73 Francis Road, Leyton, E10 6PL.
Children under school age who are accompanied by a parent or carer can come and enjoy the fun. We have toys, music, painting, songs and a story. With tea and coffee for the adults and squash for the children.
For more information please call Fidou 0208 556 7110.

Tell us what's on

Call 020 8496 3000

Community Ward Forums

Larkwood and Valley Community Ward Forum

Wednesday 18 May, 7-9pm
Saint Edmund's Parish Church, Chingford, Larkwood Road, E4 9DS

Grove Green Community Ward Forum

Tuesday 17 May, 7-9pm
Newport School, Newport Road, Leyton, E10 6PJ

Lea Bridge Community Ward Forum

Tuesday 17 May, 6-8pm
Lea Bridge Library, 382 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton, E10 7HU

Larkwood and Valley Community Ward Forum

Wednesday 18 May, 7-9pm
Saint Edmund's Parish Church, Larkwood Road, Chingford, E4 9DS

Leyton Community Ward Forum

Thursday 19 May, 7-9pm
The SCORE Centre, 100 Oliver Road, Leyton, E10 5JY

Hale End and Highams Park and Hatch Lane Community Ward Forum

Tuesday 24 May 2011, 7-9pm
Highams Park School, Handsworth Avenue, Highams Park, E4 9PJ

Council Meetings

Tuesday 10 May

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Wednesday 11 May

Cabinet

Thursday 12 May

Council

Wednesday 18 May

Planning Committee special meeting: former EMD cinema

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Our Environment

In brief



Miroslav Jesensky, left, collects his award from Council Leader Chris Robbins and Kriss Akabussi



Zoe Toudji receives her prize

‘Love your borough’ competition winners

As you'll have read in the 18 April edition of Waltham Forest News; last month the Council honoured the hard working and dedicated residents who help make Waltham Forest a better place at the annual 'Love your borough' awards ceremony.

The awards are part of Waltham Forest Council's 'Wiping out enviro-crime' campaign, which began in 2009. Like many of you, the Council was sick of our streets being ruined by rubbish. Since then the Council has worked hard to reduce enviro-crime, improve street cleanliness and transform Waltham Forest into a borough to be proud of.

As well as the awards, there were a number of competitions that took place as part of the 'Love your borough' campaign. Residents were asked to submit photographs and poems that illustrated and celebrated life in Waltham Forest.

Eleven-year-old Zoe Toudji from Chingford demonstrated her creative flair by winning the poetry competition for her entry 'Waltham Forest, My Borough'. Her winning effort was entered by her proud mum Anetta.

Miroslav Jesensky was crowned the Waltham Forest Photographer of the Year for an atmospheric picture taken in Walthamstow Village. His entry was chosen as the winning image by members of the public over more than 150 other worthy contenders.

Miroslav and Zoe both attended the 'Love your borough' award ceremony, where they were presented with their prizes of £100 in vouchers.

- For more information on 'Love your borough' visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/love-your-borough. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.



The clean team will tackle areas previously only swept at weekends

Meet the clean team

- Extra cleaning patrols introduced in response to residents' feedback
- Streets to be swept more frequently and extra weekend sweeping to take place

This is the new team that are making a clean sweep of Waltham Forest thanks to an extra £500,000 being invested in street sweeping.

Waltham Forest Council is increasing the frequency of its street sweeping and investing the extra money after residents said a clean borough was a high priority for them.

Sweeping will increase in key areas and the ten weekend community cleaners, known as the 'Enviro-crime clean team', will work at weekends to tackle littering in areas which are normally only cleaned on weekdays.

Cllr Clyde Loakes, Cabinet Member for Environment, told Waltham Forest News: "People have told us that one of their top priorities

is clean streets. We are investing money to achieve our aim of making Waltham Forest one of the cleanest boroughs in London.

"Our street cleaning is already of a high standard but we want to go this extra mile for residents and show them that we value our borough and want it to look good for everyone who lives here and everyone who visits.

"We hope that by keeping the borough clean, we will encourage people to take care of their surroundings and discourage the thoughtless, irresponsible minority from littering, fly-tipping and generally dumping their rubbish wherever it is convenient."

The extra money is coming from this year's Council budget and will see the clean

team working on Saturdays and Sundays between 10am and 6pm.

There will also be six new mobile patrols between 1pm and 9pm Monday to Friday to clean roads that are currently only swept once a week.

All new staff will be trained to help deal with the removal of fly-posting, graffiti, reporting fly-tips, anti-social behaviour, dirty front gardens and a range of other environmental crimes. They will also be issued with cameras so they can collect evidence of wrong doing.

Fact file

- Waltham Forest Council is spending an extra £500,000 on street sweeping after residents said clean streets were a top priority.
- The community cleaners will work between 10am and 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays.
- New mobile cleaning patrols will work between 1-9pm Monday to Friday to target roads currently swept only once a week.
- All staff will be trained to deal with enviro-crimes such as anti-social behaviour, fly tipping and dirty front gardens.
- New areas to be swept at weekends will include Whipps Cross Road, Fulbourne Road and Cann Hall Road.

More info

To find out more about street cleaning in Waltham Forest visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/street-care. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Noise Action Week

- Awareness week aims to reduce noise nuisance
- Help available for residents who are troubled by noisy neighbours



These speakers and other audio equipment were recently seized from inconsiderate, noisy residents

Encouraging people to be more considerate and keeping the amount of noise they make to a minimum is the aim of Noise Action Week which runs from Monday 23 to Friday 27 May.

The yearly event, organised by charity Environmental Protection UK, aims to identify

solutions to noise problems and raise awareness of the devastating effect excessive noise can have on a person's life.

Most people will have been disturbed or annoyed by too much noise at one time or another and excessive continual noise can have an impact on people's lives.

However the vast majority of complaints could be dealt with easily by turning down the volume on televisions or stereos, being more considerate and generally being a bit quieter.

If you do have a problem with noise you should try and approach the person responsible, if you feel comfortable doing so. They may not realise the effect their behaviour is having.

If they refuse to cooperate with you, the Council's noise team could help you to deal with persistent nuisances and in extreme cases can confiscate and destroy equipment.

Examples of noise nuisances could be dogs barking all day and night, loud music, building sites or factories that start making a

noise early in the morning and carry on late into the night, burglar alarms going off and DIY related noises.

If you report noise nuisance to the noise team they will contact you and assess the level of nuisance that you are experiencing. They will then tell you if any they are able to take any action. This could involve mediation, warnings or serving a noise abatement notice. In extreme cases, where prosecution is pending, the team may even seize items causing excessive noise.

More info

To find out more about noise nuisance visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/noise or phone the noise team on 020 8496 3000.

In brief



Food inspections

Half a tonne of potentially unsafe lamb and chicken has been seized by environmental health officers after a morning of raids on meat cutting plants in Waltham Forest. Environmental Health Officers from Waltham Forest Council and Food Standards Agency Inspectors, supported by the Police, visited nine premises in Sutherland Road, Walthamstow on Thursday 14 April to ensure they were processing and storing meat properly and that it came from a traceable source. Seven premises were warned to clean up their acts and Health and Safety Prohibition notices were also served on unsafe machinery such as bandsaws at three others. The seized meat will be destroyed.

• For more information on the work of Environmental Health Officers visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/food. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough

Public Notices

Planning

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995 - NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

APPL.NO 2011/0466

APPLICANT B & Q plc

ADDRESS Unit 8, Leyton Mills, Marshall Road, Leyton E10 5NH

PROPOSAL Installation of 1,345 square metres of mezzanine floor within existing store.

APPL.NO 2011/0513

APPLICANT Breyer Group PLC

ADDRESS 201-231 Shernhall Street and 14-17 Western Road, Walthamstow, London E17 9HX

PROPOSAL Installation of UPVC double glazed windows & doors.

APPL.NO 2011/0481/LA

APPLICANT Mr Raghunathan Pillai

ADDRESS St Saviors Primary School, 33 Verulam Avenue Walthamstow, London E17 8ER

PROPOSAL Application for variation 2 of planning permission

2010/0653 - Alterations to elevations, increase in height of lift shaft and changes to external finishes.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

Dated this day 9 May 2011
David Scourfield - Development Management
on Behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest

Complaint

London Borough of Waltham Forest Decision of the Standards Committee on a complaint of alleged misconduct by Councillor Anna Mbachu

On 31st March 2011 the Standards Committee Sub-Committee ("the Panel") held a determination hearing in respect of the following complaint:

That at the Annual Council on 20 May 2010, in front of numerous people in the Assembly Hall, Councillor Mbachu threatened to "slap" the complainant, a member of staff, and behaved in an aggressive and threatening manner towards him.

Having taken into account the submissions made by the parties, the guidance issued by the Standards Board for England and, in particular, the mitigating circumstances and

Councillor Mbachu's previous good service, the Panel decided to censure Councillor Mbachu in respect of her conduct towards the complainant.

The Panel felt that those holding elected office are required to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct at all times whilst serving in public office. However, the Panel recognised that Councillor Mbachu had already apologised to the complainant and decided that no further action need be taken.

Councillor Mbachu may seek to appeal this decision within 28 days of the decision if she so wishes.

Caryle Webb-Ingall
Independent Chair of the Waltham Forest
Standards Committee
9th May 2011

Press Statement

PRESS STATEMENT

No. 95 Canterbury Road, Leyton, London E10 6EF

Mr Amar Hussain has appealed against the London Borough of Waltham Forest's decision to serve an Enforcement Notice for an unauthorised construction of an "L" shape dormer to rear of No. 95 Canterbury Road, Leyton, London E10 6EF.

A Public Inquiry is to be held on Tuesday 7th June 2011 at 10am at the Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, London E17 4JF. An independent Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local

Government will chair the inquiry and decide the appeal.

Members of the public may attend the inquiry and, at the Inspector's discretion, express their views or send in written comments to the Planning Inspectorate at the address below quoting the reference: APP/U5930/C/10/2138700.

Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate: Mr Kevin Carpenter, Room 3/26 Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Tel: 0117 372 6344.

If members of the public wish to discuss the case with an officer of the Council, they should contact Mrs C Kadiri, Tel: 020 8496 6707 or email: cecilia.kadiri@walthamforest.gov.uk

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Our Safety

In brief

Speakers seized

Noise officers from Waltham Forest Council have seized 41 speakers and two amplifiers after a raid on a property in Leyton. The gear, believed to have been used at a string of illegal raves across the borough, was seized after the Council received complaints about excessive noise coming from the Arches off Leyton High Road. Noise officers had previously issued a noise abatement notice to limit noise from the premises which had been ignored, so magistrates granted a warrant allowing the equipment to be removed. Police and Council officers visited the site on Friday 8 April to seize the equipment.

• For more information on dealing with noise nuisance visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/noise or phone 020 8496 3000.



Anti-scam help

The Metropolitan Police have launched a new-look anti-fraud website which aims to help businesses and members of the public protect themselves against fraud, be it inheritance scams, fake lotteries or 'phishing' sites. Named 'Fraud Alert', the site will be regularly updated as and when new scams come to light. The Fraud Alert site provides a checklist so that concerned members of the public can identify whether they are being scammed and also offers handy advice to help prevent them falling prey to fraudsters in the first place. The site also offers support and information to those who need to report instances of fraudulent activity.

• For more information visit www.met.police.uk/fraudalert. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Bogus police warning

People are being warned to be on their guard after two elderly Chingford residents were targeted by bogus police officers. In both instances the residents were phoned by crooks posing as police officers who asked them to attend their local banks and hand over statements or bank cards. Detective Sergeant Paul Collicott said: "If anyone telephones claiming to be a police officer make a note of as much information as possible. Don't give out any detail and ask for a number to call them back, then contact the police on 0300 123 12 12 to report it. Never hand over any bank cards to someone who calls at your door or give any information about your bank accounts out over the phone."

• If you have any information about these or similar incidents phone Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org



Residents are urged not to buy fake designers items like these poorly-made bags

Fake fashion raid

- Trading standards officers confiscate £10,000 of bootleg designer accessories
- Counterfeit goods are often badly made and the proceeds of their sale can fund organised crime

A local shopkeeper has found himself on the wrong side of the law after being caught selling phoney designer goods.

Trading standards officers visited the premises on Walthamstow High Street following an anonymous tip that the shop was selling counterfeit ladies accessories, shoes, bags and belts. They were joined by representatives for high-profile brands like Versace, Burberry, Louis Vuitton, Chanel and Prada, who confirmed that the merchandise was indeed fake.

The store was raided in a joint effort between the Council's trading standards team and local police. The raid found 50 per cent of the items for sale to be

counterfeit and confiscated dodgy clobber worth over £10,000. As well as leaving the shopkeeper out of pocket in the short-term, with no more fake handbags to sell on for £60 each, he now faces legal action –

"Beyond the fact that you're generally buying junk, there are also wider moral reasons why you shouldn't be buying knock-offs."

the inevitable result of the Council's zero tolerance policy towards the sale of counterfeit goods. The goods themselves will be stripped of their fake logos and recycled.

Waltham Forest's Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Clyde Loakes, told Waltham Forest News:

"While buying counterfeit goods might seem a good way to get the designer look for a knock-down price, you're often paying through the nose for something that's badly-made and potentially dangerous.

"Beyond the fact that you're generally buying junk, there are also wider moral reasons why you shouldn't be buying knock-offs. The sale of counterfeit goods – whether it's fake designer clothes or dodgy DVDs – has proven links to systematic organised crime, and the sale

of such items also means lost revenue for honest retailers and their staff."

Organised crime and its proceeds are frequently used to fund people trafficking, drug dealing, prostitution and money laundering. In addition, most fake goods are not manufactured to the same safety standards as reputable brands and could potentially be dangerous. Residents are urged not to buy any counterfeit goods.

More info

For more information, or to report the sale of counterfeit goods, phone the Council's Trading Standards Team on 020 8496 3000.

Chingford



Tim Emblem-English and David Piggott film footage for the Chingford Newsreel in 1996

Chingford's film stars

- Acorn Films has chronicled events in Chingford for 60 years
- Camel racing, royal visits and day-to-day life have all featured in the annual Chingford Newsreel

In 1951 a group of friends from Chingford got together, buoyed by the post-war enthusiasm for home movies, to form Acorn Films. Sixty years later, the group is still going strong and continues to produce its annual newsreel of local events.

The group's first newsreel was shown in members' homes before screenings later expanded into church halls and finally Chingford Assembly Hall.

The newsreel is now so famous that it is distributed to ex-pats around the world and regularly features as archive footage on television programmes and news reports.

Producer David Piggott joined Acorn Films as a schoolboy in 1956, and has been hooked ever since.

David told Waltham Forest News: "We have been recording events and the changing scene of what was once an Essex village and is now a London suburb.

"It is a labour of love and we feel privileged to record these local events and provide a lasting legacy for future generations."

Together with Editor Tim Emblem-English, David produces the yearly newsreel and also special archive editions of years gone by. Over the years the club has been present at most of the major events which have shaped or affected Chingford and Waltham Forest.

At first the club shot the newsreel on film, before switching to digital equipment courtesy of a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant. The newsreel was originally distributed on VHS

tape, but became available on DVD in the late 1990s.

It now forms a vital piece of local history and copies are held at Vestry House Museum in Walthamstow.

David cites the last races at Walthamstow Stadium, the visits by the Queen and Prince of Wales to Waltham Forest and the death and funeral of Diana Princess of Wales as the most memorable events to have affected the borough.

David said: "The Queen's visit was certainly one of the highlights. We were very pleased with the results we got that day, we were actually in the press pit outside Walthamstow Assembly Hall and we got some great footage.

"The day of Diana's funeral was eerie; everyone else was inside watching the funeral

on television and I was out in Chingford filming.

It was absolutely deserted; it was as if the place had just stopped."

He added: "I have thoroughly enjoyed doing this but you have to remind yourself that it is a hobby because it takes up a lot of time. It has been a privilege to get to areas that most people would not normally be able to get to and film on their behalf so they can see what is going on in their community."

More info

To find out more about the Chingford Newsreel and Acorn Films email d.piggott39@btinternet.com. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

In brief

All Saints' summer fun

Members of All Saints Church (Church Avenue, Highams Park, E4 9QD) are busy preparing some fun summer events taking place in June. On Saturday 25 June Bill Freeman's Happy Jazz Band will perform at the church from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £7.50 each and include a free glass of wine. There will also be a street party outside the church from 11am to 4pm on Sunday 26 June. The party is sure to offer lots of fun for the whole family with activities including games, stalls, refreshments and a flower festival. The day will end with songs of praise, readings and poetry in the church from 4pm. So be sure to put those dates in your diary.

• For more information, or to buy tickets for the concert, phone Roger on 020 8531 3502 or email Mrs Pat Farrow at billandpat21@tiscali.co.uk.



Scuba dive at Larkswood

If you've always wanted to learn to scuba dive, now could be the perfect time to pull on those flippers and take the plunge. Loughton Sub Aqua Club, based at Larkswood Leisure Centre (New Road, Chingford, E4 9EY) is encouraging anyone interested in snorkeling or scuba diving to meet them and give it a try. The club meets every Wednesday at 8pm and has members aged from 14 to mid 60s at all levels from novice to first class divers. The club also offers training for advanced level divers and regularly organizes diving trips around the south coast.

• For more information phone 07794 177030, email Jon.hunt1969@gmail.com or visit www.dive365.co.uk.

Olympytots

Parents with energetic toddlers can help their children become budding sports stars thanks to a new multi-sports session. Olympytots will take place at Chingford United Reformed Church (Buxton Road, Chingford, E4 7DP) every Wednesday morning from 18 May. Sessions for two and a half to three and a half year olds start at 9.30am, with sessions for three and a half to five year olds starting at 10.20am. All children must be supervised and parents are encouraged to actively support their child. You will learn how to develop your child's agility, balance and coordination and their skills of catching, throwing, running and jumping. Sessions costs £6 per trial session and £30 for five sessions. Places are limited to 16, so please book early.

• To book a place phone Assunta on 07872 464043 or email assunta12@googlemail.com.

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Wednesday 18 May

at: Waltham Forest Town Hall
(Room 3), Forest Road, Walthamstow
E17 4JF (6.30pm–8.30pm)

to request an information pack call

020 8496 3000

or to speak to the
Fostering Team directly call:

020 8496 2479
(9am–5pm Mon–Fri)

